

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are now pending in the application. Claim 1 has been amended to include the silane group being linked to the triazine UV absorber by a urethane group. Support for the amendment is found throughout the Specification and at least at Paragraphs [0013] to [0015]. The amendments to the claims contained herein are not narrowing amendments. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 7, and 11-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Meuwly et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,185,445). Claim 1 stands rejected as being anticipated by Leppard et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,364,749). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

As amended, Applicants' claim 1 is to a triazine UV absorber comprising a silane group, where the silane group is linked to the triazine UV absorber by a urethane group. Neither Meuwly et al. nor Leppard et al. disclose the use of a urethane group to link a silane group to a triazine. Accordingly, claim 1 and the dependents thereon, claims 7, 11, and 12, are patentably distinct from Meuwly et al. and Leppard et al. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicant wishes to acknowledge and thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 2-6, 8-10, and 13-15.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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